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## Better Roads

In commenting upon an article regarding dangerous places in the county road, which recently appeared in The News, the Fowler News says: "It does seem right that more attention should be given roads after heavy rains to avoid much trouble and probably accidents. We venture the assertion that there have been a half dozen cars stuck in a certain place on the county road between Fowler and Meade in the past ten days, all because no attention was given to the placing of warning marks for the night travelers. Money is being paid by automobile and motorcycle owners to be spent on the roads, and the money is in the county treasury. Why then, aren't they looked after?"

If a fellow goes down the road without a tag, he is "pinched" and the reason is because he hasn't paid a five dollar bill into the "Automobile Tax Road Fund for the State and County Treasurers to hold as ornaments. The state is so keen to have auto inspectors out to see to it that every auto owner gets a tag, then why doesn't it be just as keen to send out road inspectors to see that the roads are kept in decent shape. There is as much consistency in one as the other.

The inspector's argument is that the laws passed governing automobiles and motorcycles must be rigidly enforced to protect human life, but still neglect to look after bad roads which cause numerous accidents every year."

Since our article regarding the condition of the road between Meade and Fowler, our attention has been called to roads in various parts of the county which need attention. When the article was written we did not suppose that the road referred to was the only one upon which work was necessary, but were surprised to learn of so many others, therefore it seems that a movement for better roads in all parts of the county would be an excellent idea. "In union there is strength" What would be the matter with organizing a Good Roads Association? No one issue could interest more people than that of better roads. It means more business for the towns, fewer accidents, and a betterment of financial and social conditions in general.

Dr. W. W. Simpson returned Sunday from his trip to the west. While absent he attended the Panama-Pacific exposition.

## "Not a Restaurant."

Several years ago Ord Bohannon, the noted Lyceum artist, was a member of the Grand Opera company at the Stadt theater, Kiel, Germany. Kiel is the headquarters of the German navy, therefore frequently honored by the presence of Kaiser Wilhelm.

Mr. Bohannon dropped into a restaurant (or what he supposed was a restaurant) on the sea shore one day and partook of a club sandwich. When the check arrived, the singer's heart lost several beats as he contemplated the amount, "eight marks, fifty pfennigs," about two dollars and ten cents.

While paying without demur, however, Mr. Bohannon ventured an inquiry as to why this particular sandwich, which could be purchased in other restaurants for twenty-five cents, should be valued at the enormous sum of two dollars and ten cents.

Whereupon the waiter replied: "I am not in the habit of discussing business methods with strangers, but since you are so affable and courteous about it, I don't mind telling you that this sandwich cost two dollars and ten cents because I need the money. Furthermore, this is not a restaurant. This is the Emperor's yacht club."

## Naturalization Of Aliens

United States Naturalization Examiner, Walter L. Woll, of St. Louis, Missouri, has just completed an examination of the naturalization records of the office of John Elliott, clerk of the district court of this county. He states that this inspection indicates a considerable number of foreign born residents of the county, who as a preliminary step to citizenship filed their declaration of intention [commonly known as "first papers"] have been most negligent in their efforts to complete their naturalization.

Under existing naturalization law, the life of a declaration of intention is limited to seven years, it being required that petition for naturalization [commonly known as "second papers"] be filed thereon not less than two years, and not more than seven years, following the date of execution of such declaration. This fact is apparently not generally known among those who in this county have filed their declaration of intention, as already a very considerable number of such papers have "expired" or "lapsed" by reason of this limitation. It will accordingly be necessary for the holders of such papers to file new declarations, if they desire citizenship, and delay at least two years thereafter before being again eligible to petition for naturalization.

An equally large number of declarations of intention in the hands of the foreign-born residents of this county, though still good, will nevertheless become worthless in a very short time, through the limitation placed by law on the life of such papers, unless the holders at once exercise their privilege of petitioning for citizenship thereon. This matter, being of great importance to the individuals concerned, should receive their immediate attention. The District Court at Meade is the state court having naturalization jurisdiction throughout this county. All candidates for citizenship, as well as for declarations of intention, should present themselves before the said court, Mr. Elliott at his office in the Court House. He will gladly render every assistance in his power in these matters. The filing fee for a petition for naturalization is \$4, for a declaration of intention \$1.

The matter of citizenship is one of increasing importance, particularly where those of foreign birth are concerned, for instance, in case of war between the United States and a foreign power, the subjects of that country resident in the United States at the time, would under our laws be debarred from naturalization during the period of such war. The children of those who are foreign-born are especially concerned, as the naturalization of the parent confers citizenship upon his minor children who may at the time be dwelling within the United States.

It is believed that if the native as well as the naturalized citizens of the county would take a friendly interest in their alien friends and neighbors, impressing upon them the duty they owe themselves, their families, and their adopted country to complete their citizenship, that the condition of affairs above referred to would be speedily remedied.

## Kansas Hen Day

Saturday, October 30, will be "Kansas Hen Day." It will mark the beginning of a statewide campaign to make Kansas the leading poultry state in the Union.

The members of the Kansas State Poultry federation believe that Kansas is potentially the greatest poultry state in the Union. They argue that inasmuch as Kansas is already the leading wheat state in the Union, and inasmuch as wheat is the best of all poultry foods, and since the climate conditions which are best for wheat are best for poultry, it naturally follows that the poultry industry should reach its highest degree of development in the "Sunflower State."

Those who have studied the situation carefully, aver that all that is required in order to bring about this highly desirable end is to so organize the poultry raisers of the state that a systematic educational campaign may be carried on, and a universal interest aroused in the cause of "better poultry and more of it." This gigantic, yet worth-while task, the federation is ready to undertake, and hopes to carry through to a successful completion. The first gun of the proposed campaign will be fired on Saturday, October 30, and the day is to be known as "Kansas Hen Day." On that day the poultry raisers of each community are asked to meet for the purpose of forming a poultry club, and of discussing ways and means of improving the poultry industry locally. Later county organizations will be perfected. It is hoped that at least one poultry show and institute will be held in each county in the state during the coming winter. The federation, through its state organizer, will be glad to assist in forming local and county associations, and will offer silver cups and medals at the shows co-operating in the proposed campaign.

## Poultry

Meade was represented at the Farm Products and Cattle show held last week in Fowler. H. N. Holdeman won sweepstakes on a Percheron spring colt, which weighed 795 pounds.

In the poultry department he won 1st on cockerel, 1st on pullet and 1st on pen, Single comb brown leghorns. On White Rocks: 1st on cockerel and 2nd on hen. W. W. Pressly received 1st on hen and 1st on coop.

B. G. Wasson and Earl Martin returned last Saturday from their chase after the men who hired Mr. Wasson's team and purposely forgot to bring it back. They traced them as far as Canadian, Texas, and from there on nothing had been heard of them. As the matter now stands Mr. Wasson is short a team and buggy.

## Fuhr's Realty

I am now in my new office in the First National Bank building. If you want to buy or sell land see me. Will take your application for a loan. All kind of land business transacted.

## Dedication of New Building

The dedication of the new school will occur Sunday evening October 24th. A union meeting of all the churches of the town has been planned. Reverend Spires will preach. The high school chorus and the high school band will furnish music. Every one is urged to be present. The band concert will begin promptly at seven thirty. The preaching service will commence at eight o'clock.

The High school students have again shouldered the responsibility of the Lyceum Course and have contracted for a program which they believe will appeal to the people. The first attraction will be The Bohannans, at the High School auditorium, Friday evening, October 28th.

To-morrow evening Thomas Elmore Lucy will appear at the school auditorium under the auspices of the Athletic Association. Next Wednesday evening, October 27 the School Operetta will be given. This is the attraction in which the little folk of the school appear and will be well worth attending.

The first issue of this year's Tattler reached our desk last week. All the work, from the setting of the type to the printing is done by the students in the school printing office. The paper is full of school news and is well gotten up. A noticeable feature is the absence of advertisements, save those of the school.

A new kind of "skin game" has lately been worked on automobile owners in this section. A man came to town, purchased paraffine oil at 30 cents a gallon, colored it slightly and sold it as automobile polish at \$1.50 per gallon. The polish makes the car look like new for a few minutes, but after that it catches all the dust in sight, and there seems to be no way to remove it but to let it wear off.—Topeka Capital.

This certainly is "October's bright blue weather."

## Married

Mr. Luther Shumate and Miss Beulah King, both of Minneola, were married last Friday by Judge Marrs.

At the recent meeting of the Rebekah State Assembly, held in Topeka, Mrs. Lucy Bunch, of this city received the appointment as Chaplain of the State Assembly. Mrs. Grace G. Kemper, the new president is a special friend of Mrs. Bunch and the appointment was a special favor to her, and came unsolicited. Mrs. Bunch is one of the most enthusiastic workers of the order and the honor could not have been bestowed upon a more worthy member.

C. C. Perry has leased the former Pollock, Seavey & Co. building of J. B. Hays and will install his moving picture show there as soon as he can get it fixed up. Work began on it this week. It will have a stage where plays can be put on, the stove moved to the side of the house, elevated seats, and will be decorated up in the latest for picture houses. This will be a good location and should make an increased patronage.—Minneola Record.

## Insects in Grain

Manhattan, Oct. 13.—If there are any insects in your stored grain, destroy them at once, otherwise you may lose 15 per cent of your grain. Thus advises George A. Dean, entomologist in the agricultural college and experiment station, who has received reports of an unusually large number of insects infesting granaries and bins.

All stored grain insects succumb to careful fumigation with carbon bisulphide. If the temperature is below 60 degrees, results will be unsatisfactory. Consequently, fumigation should be done immediately. If the building is reasonably tight and the temperature above 70 degrees, one pound of carbon bisulphide should be allowed to every 25 bushels of grain and one pound to every 250 cubic feet of space above the grain.

The liquid should be placed in shallow pans at the top of the bin or building and not more than one pound should be put in one place. In large bins it is desired to put a quantity of the liquid to the center of the grain by means of a gas pipe, loosely plugged at one end. The carbon bisulphide should be poured down the pipe and the plug then removed with an attached rod. The liquid may be sprinkled directly on the grain without injury, unless excessive quantities are used.

Fumigation should continue 36 hours or if the grain is not used for seed, 48 hours.

The vapor or carbon bisulphide is highly inflammable and explosive. Consequently, application should be made in daylight and no fire or light should be allowed about the building during fumigation.

G. L. Garlinghouse was called to Kansas City, Kansas last week on account of the serious illness of his wife. A late report states that her condition is somewhat improved.

W. S. Gibbons, the insurance man, has moved his office from Main street to the office of G. L. Garlinghouse in the First National Bank Building.

Jim Waldron and wife left last Wednesday for Englewood, Kansas, after an extended stay with Mrs. Waldron's sister, Mrs. H. B. Tuttle, and family.

The Arena Club will hold a reception for the public school teachers in the auditorium of the new school building next Saturday evening from 8 to 10. Patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present.

O. J. Dettle is now agent at this place and will shortly move his family here. Mr. Dettle was relief agent here last winter during Mr. Dutton's absence and during his stay made many friends who now welcome him back. The News welcomes this family to our city.

Another drenching rain descended upon this section of the country last Thursday night and Friday to the amount of about two and one-half inches. These rains are fine on the wheat, but rather hard on the feed crop, a large percent of which is yet too green to cut.

## Wettest Year on Record

Not many years ago Kansas was looked upon by the outside world as the home of hot winds, a place where it never rained, and where only sage brush and sand burrs thrived. Such an idea is long since out of date as the following report shows:

Between January 1 and October 1, 1915 the rainfall amounted to 46.42 inches. This record for the first nine months exceeded that of any entire year in the fifty seven years that a record of the weather has been kept at the Kansas State Agricultural college. Previous to this year the record year was 1876 with 45.78 inches. The average precipitation is 31.1 inches.

During April, May, June, July, August, and September the rainfall was 37.31 inches, and this has been exceeded only in two seasons 1908 with 38.23 and 1876 with 37.31 inches for the same months.

Of the precipitation so far recorded for this year 37.31 fell during May, June, and July, and those being the months in which most of the farm work is done in this section, the excessive rainfall interfered to a considerable extent with farm work.

The contract has been let for the building of the railroad bridge across the river and also the building of the depot and freight house. J. T. Harvey, of Wichita, Kansas, a builder of much experience, has been secured to do the work and is ready to commence work. Part of the bridge material has already arrived at Forgan and the balance will doubtless arrive by the time the rails have been laid to the north bank of the river so that the work of putting in the bridge and continuing the track on to the depot and switches may continue without delay. There seems to be every assurance now that the road will be completed to the terminal and everything in shape for regular traffic, both passenger and freight, even before the time specified in the contract. Everything is now moving along swiftly and satisfactorily and barring any unforeseen or unavoidable delays, such as wash-outs, etc., which have already delayed the work considerably. Trains will be running into Beaver over the Beaver Meade & Englewood Railway before November 1st. Train service from the north side of the river will commence next week.—Beaver Herald.

District court convenes next Tuesday, October 26th.

## "The Friends He Used to Know."

Henrietta Crossman, the distinguished American actress, and Jean Bohannon, the distinguished Lyceum satirist, were chatting in the lobby at Portsmouth, O. "In my early barnstorming days," said Miss Crossman, "I was associated with a company which was ever and anon on the verge of bankruptcy—mostly ever. The star of the organization, however, assured us that when we played his home town (Peekskill, N. Y.) the box office would fairly bulge with money. So confident was he, that a special song was written for him to introduce upon the happy occasion.

"Unfortunately, however, the box office showed a gross of only \$12.75 and when the star sang the opening line of his song to a pitiful handful of audience, 'Where are the friends I used to know?' the comedian answered: 'They ain't in here, Joe!' And the storm of mirth from audience and actors brought the song to an early and untimely end.

Jean and Ord Bohannon are scheduled to appear on the local Lyceum course.